GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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DECONTROL OF PRICES OF COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has fully decontrolled the prices of coal mined by the Coal India Limited and its subsidiary companies;

(b) if so, the manner in which the interests of the consumers will be safeguarded; and

(c) the details of the benefits accruing to the States` Government as a result of it?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) to (c) Yes Sir. The prices of coal have been fully deregulated with effect from 1.1.2000. The Colliery Control Order 2000 empowers coal companies to fix the coal prices taking into account the market forces, average cost of production and other relevant factors. Further, it was decided that the Tariff Commission will be involved in pricing of coal for the power sector and to suggest modalities for pricing of coal for other sectors.